

Continuation Application of  
Serial No. 09/495,390  
Preliminary Amendment

**Marked-Up Version of Amended Paragraph**

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/495,390, filed January 31, 2000, and entitled "Systems and Methods for Monitoring and Controlling Use of Medical Devices," which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/026,296, filed February 19, 1998, and entitled "Method for Treating a Sphincter" (now U.S. Patent No. 6,009,877)]. This application is also] and a continuation-in-part of co-pending provisional United States Patent Application Serial Number 60/152,749, filed September 8, 1999 and entitled "Systems and Methods for Monitoring and Controlling Use of Medical Devices."

Continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,009,877

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**REMARKS**

The Specification has been amended to correct a typographical error and to indicate that co-pending United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/026,296, filed February 19, 1998, and entitled "Method for Treating a Sphincter," is now U.S. Patent No. 6,009,877.

The Specification has also been amended to claim continuation status of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/495,390, filed January 31, 2000,

This continuation application is being entered for the purpose of adding an additional inventor to the inventors listed in the parent application. More particularly, inventor David Utley has been added.

The parent case will be expressly abandoned upon receiving the filing date and serial number for this continuation application.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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